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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers schedules public workshop for former Brooksville Turret Gunnery Range site

Jacksonville, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public workshop to discuss the results of work completed during Phase I of a munitions removal project at the former Brooksville Turret Gunnery Range (TGR) site. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Sept. 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Central High School, 14075 Ken Austin Parkway, Brooksville, Fla. 34613.

Representatives from the Corps' Jacksonville District and the Engineering Support Center in Huntsville, Ala. will describe the munitions items that were found and disposed of during the first phase of the removal project completed this summer and the proposed plan for Phase II, scheduled for contract award by Spring 2007. Residents will also have the opportunity to view an interactive display to learn about the work completed on their own property.

The 10,000-acre former Brooksville TGR site is located in Hernando County, about 3.5 miles west of Brooksville and north of Highway 50. The site was used by the Department of Defense during World War II as an infantry and turret gunnery training area. It was officially closed at the end of the war and the property has since been subdivided and developed for residential, commercial and agricultural use.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the cleanup of the site under the Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites. During this activity, all recovered military-related items have been found buried at various depths, ranging from several inches to approximately 3 feet beneath the surface of the ground. Although most of the munitions items recovered were inert, many of the similar looking items contained explosives. All munitions-related items were safely disposed of by Corps contractors who are munitions response professionals. Residents are reminded that, in the unlikely event they see any type of old metal, they should never touch or attempt to move the item but should note its location and notify local law enforcement or call 911.

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